

CLEAN WATER ACT

2-46. Chesapeake Bay Program

1. AUTHORITY.

a. To approve grants and cooperative agreements, as follows:

(1) to nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, colleges, universities, and interstate agencies to carry out Section 117 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as authorized under and in accordance with Section 117(d)(1) of the CWA;

(2) to signatory jurisdictions of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement for purposes of implementing the management mechanisms established under the Chesapeake Bay Agreement and/or for the purpose of monitoring the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, as authorized under and in accordance with Section 117(e) of the CWA, and

(3) to local governments and nonprofit organizations and individuals in the Chesapeake Bay region to implement cooperative tributary basin strategies that address the water quality and living resource needs in the Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem and to implement locally based protection and restoration programs or projects within a watershed that complement the tributary basin strategies, including the creation, restoration, protection, or enhancement of habitat associated with the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, as authorized under and in accordance with Section 117(g)(2) of the CWA.

b. To develop agency guidance and to determine the appropriate terms and conditions for the aforementioned grants including match requirements, where applicable, as authorized by Section 117 of the CWA.

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.

a. The authorities in 1.a., above, are subject to the provisions of Regional Order R5710.51 Region III Procedures for Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

b. The authorities in 1.b., above, are delegated to the Director of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

3. LIMITATIONS. Approval of any research project will be given only with the assurance that recipients, when conducting such projects, will use research protocols commensurate with those developed by the Office of Research and Development.

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4. REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. These authorities may not be redelegated without formal amendment.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. 40 CFR Parts 30, 31 and 40.
- b. EPA Assistance Administration Manual.
- c. Delegation I-14, which delegates the authority to award (sign/execute) grants and cooperative agreements.
- d. EPA Order 1130.2A, Senior Resource Officials and Resources Management Committee, approved November 6, 1995.
- e. EPA Order 5700.1, Policy for Distinguishing Between Assistance and Acquisition, approved March 22, 1994.
- f. Guidance relating to the Chesapeake Bay Program.

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